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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of August 18, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect First Species I, corresponding to Fig. 2 for prosecution in the above-identified application. Furthermore, Applicants identify claims 1-13, 29-33 and 34 as reading on the elected species.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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